

Governor Carney Plans to Nominate General Michael Berry as Next Adjutant General of Delaware National Guard

Major General Carol Timmons slated to retire in March 2019

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney has selected Brig. Gen. Michael Berry as the next Adjutant General for the Delaware National Guard.

Adjutant General is a Cabinet position and Governor Carney's nomination of General Berry must be confirmed by the Delaware Senate. Berry would replace current Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Carol Timmons. Timmons has announced her retirement, effective March 2019, when she will complete 42 years military service.

"General Timmons is a pioneer and made a significant impact during her 42 years of military service," said **Governor Carney**. "She will be missed, but we wish her and her family all the best in retirement. Delaware is fortunate to have a leader of General Mike Berry's caliber prepared to take the reins. Mike is a great fit and would continue the tradition of exceptional leadership in the Delaware National Guard."

Berry is a combat veteran, with 30 years military service. He currently serves as the Director of the Delaware National Guard's Joint Staff and is responsible for efforts in Domestic Operations and Military Support to Civil Authorities. Prior to serving as Director of the Joint Staff, he was assigned as the

Delaware Army National Guard's Land Component Commander. In that role, he was responsible for organizational planning, training, and support to combatant commanders. He holds a number of commands at the Brigade, Battalion and Company level, and in 2010, was the commander of the Delaware Army National Guard Embedded Training Team and lead a deployment to Bamyan, Afghanistan. During that year-long tour, he and his team were responsible for training Afghanistan National Police and Defense Forces in the province.

Berry was a Lieutenant, and recently retired after 28 years from the Delaware State Police as Deputy Troop Commander, Delaware State Police Troop 4 in Georgetown.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware, where he earned his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Timmons has served as Adjutant General for the Delaware National Guard since February 2017 and will retire after a combined 42 years military service in the Delaware Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Delaware Air National Guard. She is a veteran of seven overseas combat deployments and has more than 400 combat flight hours. She is a pilot with more than 5,200 hours flying UH-1 "Huey" helicopters, and C-141 & C-130 aircrafts.

Prior to serving as the Adjutant General, Timmons worked full time for United Airlines.

Timmons earned her commission in 1980 at Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, where she graduated with honors. She received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Delaware Technical Community College and later named a Distinguished Alumna in 2012. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Wilmington University, as well as a Master's Degree in Public Administration. She is a 2006

graduate of the U.S. Air Force War College.

She is the Delaware National Guard's first female two-star general and first female Adjutant General. She chairs the National Guard's Joint Diversity Executive Council, and serves on both the Air Force Reserve Policy Committee and the Board of the National Guard Association of the United States. She is a member of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame and Delaware Women's Hall of Fame.

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